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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Title : METHOD FOR RETRIEVING DATA, APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING DATA,  
PROGRAM FOR RETRIEVING DATA, AND MEDIUM READABLE BY MACHINE

Attorney Docket No.: 0087/008001

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required for a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

Pages of Specification	40
Pages of Claims	9
Pages of Abstract	1
Sheets of Formal Drawings	6
Pages of Declaration	2
Pages of Information Disclosure Statement	2
Pages of PTO-1449 Form (in duplicate)	1
Cited References	3

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Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$43.00	43.00
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Applicants hereby claim Small Entity Status.

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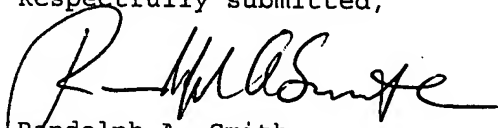
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